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SUBJ : TENNECO FIVE

REF : ASMARA 241

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO BURCHAELL ABOUT 1 P.M.
TODAY :

QTE MARCH 30, 1974

TO IMPERIAL ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT

OUR CAPTORS ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED THAT
VIOLENT ACTION IN THE FORM OF DEATH OR BODILY
HARM MAY BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST
CIVILIANS BECAUSE OF OUR CAPTURE. WE ARE CONCERNED
THAT RETALIATORY ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST
US IF SUCH A POLICY IS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT.
WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT NO RETALIATION BE MADE
AGAINST CIVILIANS AND THAT NO PURSUIT OR SEARCH BE
MADE FOR US BY ETHIOPIAN TROOPS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR CAPTURE AND CONFINEMENT
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ARE A RESULT OF OUR ENTERING ERITREAN TERRITORY

WITHOUT A PERMIT. THEREFORE ALL REQUESTS OR
NEGOTIATIONS FOR OUR RELEASE SHOULD BE
STRICTLY CONFINED TO TENNECO AND THE ERITREAN
LIBERATION FRONT . THE REQUESTS AND NEGOTIATIONS
SHOULD BE PEACEFUL. IT IS ONLY IN THIS MANNER
THAT THE ELF WILL RELEASE US.

C.M. JAMES	D. WEDEAFORT	J. ROGERS
(SIGNATURE)	(SIGNATURE)	(SIGNATURE)
BILL CAYCE		
(SIGNATURE)		

MATTE TAVOLA (SIGNATURE) U.N. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

CC. TENNECO ETHIOPIA, INC ADDDIS ABABA

2. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS ROGERS
HANDWRITING BY BURCHAELL. COPY TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.

3. A SECOND LETTER WAS PASSED TO TENNECO BY MEANS
OF IEG POLICE RADIO. ACCORDING TO BURCHAELL THIS
LETTER INDICATED THAT TENNECO'S CAPTORS WOULD NEGOTIATE
ONLY WITH THE GOV'T. AS INDICATED IN REF
AND CONFIRMED BY OTHER USG SOURCES THE GOVGEN HAS
TAKEN A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS TENNECO'S HANDLING
OF THE SITUATION AND TENNECO'S NEGOTIATING WITH THE
ELF.

4. BURCHAELL IS ATTEMPTING TO GET
AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE GOVGEN
TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE PROBLEM.
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